

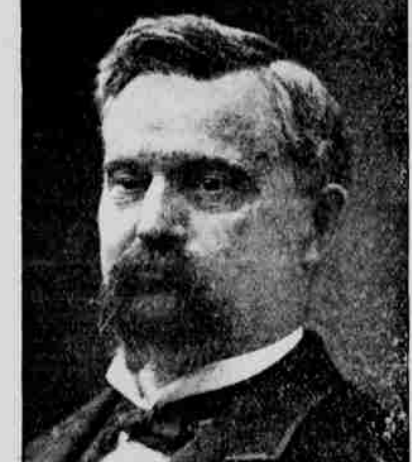
RUTLAND

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Rutland, with a population of about 13,000 is the second in size and commercial importance of the state of Vermont. It is situated in the Otter Valley and is surrounded by lofty mountains, beautiful valleys, and is altogether one of the most attractive of New England cities. It is connected with the commercial centers of the state and country by the Rutland railroad north and east, the Bennington railroad south, and the Delaware & Hudson west. Rutland has a large number of prominent manufacturing enterprises, wholesale houses representing all the principal lines of goods, and numerous up-to-date retail establishments. The city is the center of the marble industry of Vermont. There are five national banks, two savings banks and two trust companies. An excellent system of water works furnishes an abundance of pure water for domestic and fire protection purposes. Besides graded schools there is a fine high school and a public library, and nine churches of different denominations. Rutland is one of the most attractively lighted with electric lights, there are many social organizations, Masonic and other secret societies, a fine opera house, and everything to make a residence here pleasant and agreeable. The citizens of Rutland always designate their home as the Marble City, and many of its buildings, and even the sidewalks, are constructed of white and blue marble. With splendid transportation facilities, intelligent labor and cheap raw materials, Rutland offers unusual advantages for the display of manufacturing enterprise in many useful and important lines not already occupied.

HON. JOSIAH BURTON HOLLISTER.

Mayor of Rutland, was born in Sandgate, Vt., in 1831. In 1857 his father removed with his family to Manchester. He was educated at Burr and Burton seminary and at Dartmouth college. He went west in 1855 and was principal of an academy one year at Rushville, Ill.; he then returned to his native state and



HON. J. B. HOLLISTER, MAYOR.

engaged in agriculture and general business until 1857 when he bought an interest in marble quarry at Dorset, since then he has been actively engaged in the marble business. Mayor Hollister was superintendent of schools in Manchester for three years, member of the House of Representatives in 1863-64, state senator from Bennington county in 1865 and a member of the last council of censors in 1868. In 1873 he was elected one of the trustees of Burr and Burton seminary. In 1878 he removed to Dorset to engage more extensively in the marble business and for the same purpose in 1881 he removed to Rutland.

RUTLAND BUSINESS COLLEGE.

L. J. Edgerton, principal. Delightfully situated in the best residential section of Rutland is the Rutland Business College, whose curriculum contains only those studies which are of practical value to young men and women. While this Vermont leading commercial shorthand and telegraphy school the year just closed July 1, has proven the banner year of its history. This is due to the thorough and conscientious work done by the faculty in the various departments and speaks volumes for the position it holds as an educational institution. The courses of study taught here are book-keeping, commercial law, commercial arithmetic, penmanship, correspondence, practical English, shorthand and a special feature is made of graduating expert operators of touch typewriting. Prof. L. J. Edgerton the principal, is one of Vermont's best known educators and takes a personal interest in his pupils, obtaining for them lucrative positions and adding them in every way to become valuable factors in the commercial world. A notable feature of the Rutland Business College is that they find positions for all their graduates. The tuition fee is low; write them.

W. R. KINSMAN.

Manufacturer of and Dealer in Monumental Work, Native or Foreign. Office and Works 215 to 249 West street. Mr. Kinsman is a leading representative of the men engaged in the marble industry who deal direct with consumers. He contracts for and puts up all kinds of cemetery work in any part of the country, furnishes plans and specifications, is located near the quarries and cuts and finishes the granite or marble here and sends men who are experts in setting headstones and monuments, and takes full control of all details. In dealing with Mr. Kinsman only acts as a nearly direct from producer to consumer as is possible in the marble business. He not only cuts the different varieties of Vermont marble but will furnish anything in monumental work cut from foreign stone. He is continually producing new designs and carries a large stock of standard headstones and monuments. The business was founded in 1853 by Mr. Kinsman, his yards then being on Grove



street. He moved to Edison street in 1860 where he remained ten years coming to this location in 1870. Here he has a remarkably well equipped plant covering an acre of ground and having substantial buildings as shown by the engraving. His works are equipped with the best sawing, cutting, polishing machines and rubbing beds that can be obtained and employment is furnished to about thirty men. He has agents in all parts of the country and orders placed with them or direct with the house are sure to receive prompt and efficient attention. Mr. Kinsman was born and raised in Rutland and learned the trade of marble worker. He is a member of the various fraternal societies, popular at home and reliable in all his dealings.

JOHN A. SHELDON.

Postmaster at Rutland, is a native of Troy, N. Y., born Aug. 1839. He is of New England and Scotch ancestry, his father having been a native of Rutland and prominent in public and business affairs for many years. He was educated



JOHN A. SHELDON, POSTMASTER.

at a private school in New York city, afterward attending Sand Lake, N. Y., academy and Williamstown, Mass., academy. He came to West Rutland and was engaged as clerk and book-keeper for the firm of Sheldon & Slason when the war broke out and was one of the first to enlist, joining Co. K, First Vermont Infantry, May 2, 1861 and was mustered in for three months. After the term of his enlistment he returned to his former position. He afterward re-enlisted and was made captain of Co. C, 1st Vermont and served on the staff of Gen. Grant, retiring in 1865. After his return he engaged with his father in the marble business, the firm name being Sheldon & Sons and afterward the Sheldon Marble Co. He has been prominently identified with the civic government of Rutland serving as selectman, trustee, president of the board of trustees, alderman and mayor of the city and member of the legislature. His senior aid de camp on the staff of Gov. Fairbanks with the rank of colonel and has been honored with many high positions. He was appointed postmaster, April 2, 1897 and is now holding over awaiting re-appointment. He has given eminent satisfaction and gives his personal attention to the office.

DANIEL PUTNAM PEABODY.

Rutland county's popular sheriff has been elected to the office eleven consecutive times. He was born at Mt. Vernon, New Hampshire, August 12, 1832. His great grandfather, on the paternal side was Isaac Peabody of Salem, Mass., the grandfather, Daniel Peabody settled in Andover, Vermont, where his father was born. His mother was a native of New Hampshire, where his father was married, removing to Vermont, when the subject of this sketch was about one year old. He was educated in the common schools of Vermont and at Black River academy at Ludlow. His father lived at Chester, Andover and Weston



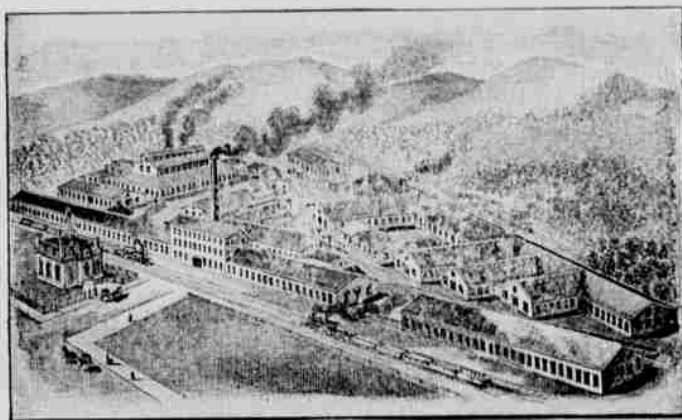
DANIEL P. PEABODY, SHERIFF.

successively and he worked on a farm with his father until he was seventeen years of age when he went to Pittsford, Rutland county to engage with his uncle, Joseph H. Peabody. The latter combined a mercantile and a peddling business and dealing in wool and wooden goods with farming and young Peabody secured an interest which he retained for twenty-five years, the firm name being J. H. Peabody & Co. While he was a resident of Pittsford he was justice of the peace for ten years and he was also selectman from 1864 to 1866. For six years he was deputy sheriff and his services in this capacity were so satisfactory to the peo-

ple that he was elected sheriff in 1878. After his election to this position he removed to Rutland where he has since continued to reside. His service as sheriff is noteworthy owing to the fact that he has been elected to that office three times and has now served almost a quarter of a century. He is an active Mason, member of Otter Creek lodge, No. 79, of Pittsford and of Farmers Chapter, No. 5, Royal Arch Masons of Brandon. Politically he has been steadfastly republican having cast his first vote for John C. Fremont, Sheriff Peabody was married in 1853 but has no children. He has become by his long tenure of office almost a part of Rutland county and no description of the city however brief is complete without mention of him. He maintains dignity in his office and discharges the duties personally so far as he is able. He has an excellent corps of deputies and is a worthy and efficient officer.

THE HOWE SCALE CO.

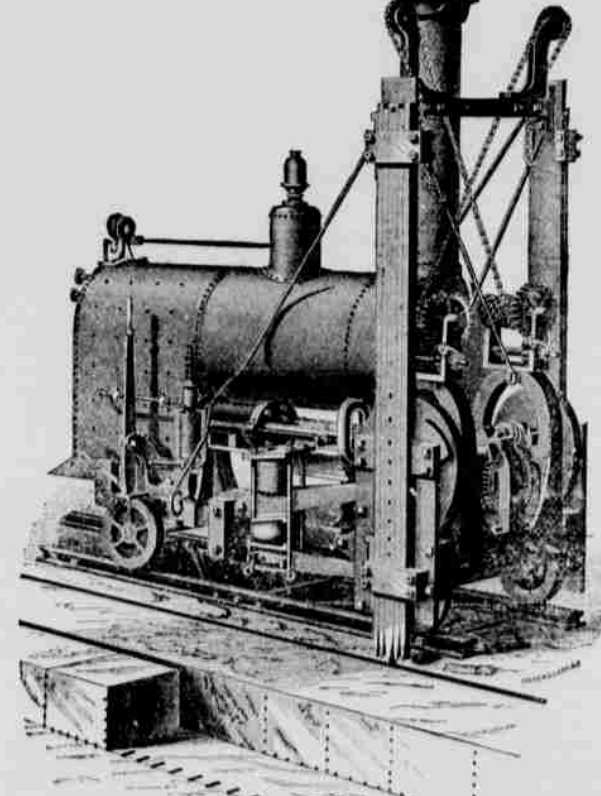
Manufacturers of Scales, Trucks, Letter Presses, Electric Coffee Mills and Coal Handling Machinery. John A. Mead, president; Edward V. Ross, treasurer; Leon G. Bagley, general agent and C. B. Hinsman, general paymaster. The city of Rutland without the Howe Scale Company would be like Hamlet with the leading character eliminated. Its rise and progress is synonymous with the



THE HOWE SCALE WORKS.

growth and development of the city. In the manufacture of scales they have attained a notably high position and one which invades its representatives with distinguished merit as having achieved continuous success. From its foundation and incorporation in 1888 the Howe Scale Company has won for its products a constantly increasing sale and general satisfaction which has been the result of their superiority of construction and general adaptability to prescribed purposes. The history of the company dates back to 1857 when a Mr. Strong commenced the business at Vergennes. He

retired, this company as its name implies is engaged in the manufacture of labor saving stone cutting machines. Up to within a few years all marble, limestone, sandstone was quarried entirely by hand, the adaptation of machinery to channeling in the quarries has come within the recollection of nearly all of us but not all by any means of the inventions that have been exploited have proven practical, and many quarriesmen know to their entire satisfaction how true this is. The Stone Cutter Company makes a specialty of Wardwell patent stone channeling or quarrying machines for cutting stone in various sizes and dimensions in all kinds of quarries. This machine in its present perfected form is unquestionably the greatest labor saving device of the age. It works equally as well in either hard or soft stone. It has proven its practicality in all parts of the country and is not only used in the Vermont quarries extensively but wherever stone is quarried. It is simple in construction, strong and durable, though light enough in weight as to be easily transferred from one part of the quarry to another. Quarriesmen will recognize in this feature an important item in the expense of operation. The principles upon which its construction is based, immediately appeal to the ordinary mechanic as being as nearly



STONE CUTTER CO'S CHANNELING MACHINE.

correct as ingenuity can devise. The company have ample capital for the conduct of the business and so much confidence in the value of their product that they keep on hand the medium sized and best selling machines ready for immediate shipment, and will cheerfully furnish information concerning them to intending purchasers. Their machines are adapted for cutting either vertical or inclined channels. By their use quarries can be enlarged by carrying channels under the walls, or if the strata or vein of the rock is inclined, channels can be cut to any angle down to forty-five degrees. Engine and boiler is furnished with the machine and a perfect system of mechanism an elastic blow is given in the operation of the cutters. It is estimated that over \$5,000,000 has been saved to operators by the invention.

HENRY O. EDSON.

Contractor and Builder, 112 Church street. There is perhaps to no one man who has been so prominently identified with the building interests of Rutland as Henry O. Edson. He began business here in 1865 in company with his uncle Melzer Edson who died twelve years ago. It was however years before this that Melzer Edson established on West street the first lumber yard in Rutland. At times their operations were so extensive that upwards of \$5,000 was employed in the business and during one three years they put up eighty-four buildings. Hundreds of the dwelling houses in and about Rutland were erected by them and shipments of lumber made to all points within a radius of fifty miles. Mr. Edson was trustee of the village and selectman of the town before Rutland became a city, has been school commissioner for eight years, was a director in the State Trust Company from its organization. Last year he was unfortunate enough to become an endorser for the wreckers of the Merchants National Bank and lost nearly all his property. He is, however, now prepared to resume business and content for work here or in nearby towns.

BROCK HOUSE.

Main street, Rutland, S. A. Brock, proprietor. This hotel is pleasantly located on the best residence street of the city and the best evidence of its popularity is the fact that its rooms are invariably filled with transient and permanent guests. The Brock house is in the most eligible position of any in Rutland for the summer visitor. This hotel affords all the necessities of the summer guest and traveler in its position. The house contains sleeping rooms furnished with gas, electric bells and all modern conveniences. The apartments have been recently fitted with furniture, and everything pertaining to comfort, making it a hotel of the first class. The parlor is commodious, airy, and handsomely furnished. Suites of rooms have been arranged for the convenience of parties and families or may be used singly. Every room has a commodious closet in it—a feature which every person who has boarded at a hotel will fully appreciate. At all hours of the day a cool shade is afforded and finer views of Vermont scenery cannot be found than from the several verandas. Its tables are always supplied with the delicacies of the season. A first-class livery affords ample facilities for the recreation of the guests.

STEAM STONE CUTTER CO.

H. O. Carpenter, president, George E. Ross, treasurer, Thomas J. Royce secretary.

EVERSON & CO.

Marble and Granite Manufacturers, 11 Meadow street. While Rutland has the greatest marble quarries in the world the operations are confined to comparatively few firms, consequently their dealings are extensive and their trade territory embraces the entire United States and Canada. Among the leaders and a firm who occupies the highest position in the trade is Everson & Co. They have been in the business for many years and contract for and furnish estimates on marble and granite work of all kinds, Monuments, Headstones, Mausoleums, Vaults and Building Work. They are wholesale dealers in Blue Brandon, Italian, Sutherland Falls and Rutland Marble and own quarries at Barre, Vt., so that they are properly prepared to figure on all kinds of work. They have a large two-story brick building at 11 Meadow street,



DESIGN BY EVERSON & CO.

which is 50x100 feet in dimensions, used for office and finishing room. They also have cutting sheds and ample yard room. They carry a large stock of finished and unfinished work and have the best machinery and paraphernalia for filling orders punctually and in a manner to please the most exacting customers; with regard

FAIRHAVEN



BUSINESS SECTION OF FAIRHAVEN.

HON. IRA R. ALLEN.

Postmaster of Fairhaven has the distinction of having been the first postmaster appointed by President McKinley during his first term and also the first appointed under his second administration. During the campaign of last fall when all attention was turned to the state of Vermont the republican campaign was under his charge as chairman of the state committee and he was largely instrumental in rolling up the plurality of 3,131 registered for Gov. Stickney. The manner in which the republican campaign was conducted showed most emphatically that the chairman was a keen political manager and that it was a wise choice that placed Mr. Allen in the position. He did excellent service for his party and to him more than any other one man belongs the credit for the result. Mr. Allen is a native of Fair-

haven and all kinds of electrical work. They have a specialty of Monvett Kitchen Sinks of unfading green slate which are the acme of cleanliness and last forever. This same class of slate is also used largely in laundry tubs. They make as well, showers, lavatory slabs and urinal stalls and many of the specifications in United States contracts call for their sanitary specialties. The marbleized work has a thousand uses and has stood the test for over a quarter of a century. Their plant outside the quarry comprises a number of frame buildings equipped with sawing and planing machines, rubbing beds, lathes, drills, etc., all constructed for this use and especially adapted for facilitating business. The works in various departments gives employment to fifty men. The company was incorporated in 1866, the present officers being Charles R. Allen, president and George H. Shinnville, secretary-treasurer and general manager. Mr. Allen is cashier of the Allen National Bank, Mr. Shinnville upon whom all the details of the business involve has been with the company nineteen years. He is a thoroughly practical and efficient



HON. IRA R. ALLEN.

haven a graduate of Brown University, class of '82 and has always taken a great interest in his alma-mater. From 1882 to 1886 he was with Woodward, Stetson & Co., produce merchants of New York city, and for some time was interested in the southern mining iron industry. Beginning with this period he developed a great fondness for the study of minerals, that has resulted in his gathering one of the finest private collections of mineralogical specimens in the country. He is a director of the Allen National Bank, the Fairhaven Marble and Granite Co., the State Bank and has other commercial interests. He has been selectman of the town two terms, has served in both branches of the legislature, and his services as chairman of the Republican State Committee has attracted notice outside the state. His conduct of the post-office is beyond criticism. He has filled the clerical positions with courteous, efficient and painstaking assistants, selected the most desirable location and provided every convenience for transacting the business. His residence in the handsome marble house of Ira C. Allen an engraving of which we show herewith.

FAIRHAVEN MARBLE AND MARBLEIZED SLATE CO.

Quarriesmen and manufacturers of Slate Goods of all descriptions, C. R. Allen, president, G. H. Shinnville secretary-treasurer and general manager. This house dates its foundation back to the pioneers of the slate industry in this section. It was in 1826 that R. H. Hanson and Alanson Allen opened the first quarries here and

manager and has held this position for four years.

THE KILBOURNE MFG. CO.

Manufacturers of High Grade Wire Goods, Household Specialties and Successors of Vermont Clock Co. About five years ago the local capitalists organized two companies as above mentioned, one for the manufacture of wire goods and the other to manufacture clocks. Two years ago Mr. C. E. Kilbourne who had had many years of experience as a manufacturer reorganized the Wire Goods Co. and brought the business to so successful an issue that during the month of May this year the clock works was absorbed and both industries merged into the Kilbourne Mfg. Co. The wire plant occupies about 2,000 square feet of floor space and here are numerous specially constructed machines for forming, corrugating and working the wire which is shipped here from the company's plant at Troy, N. Y. They make brooms in a hundred different styles, meat resins, pie rests, frying baskets, pot cleaners, sink drains, egg beaters, dish covers and the thousand and one different articles used in the kitchen and formed of wire besides shoe polishing sets, chopping knives, towel racks, etc. These are exceptionally well equipped to contract for patented specialties in large quantities and invite correspondence on this subject.

The Vermont Clock Company utilizes about 10,000 square feet of floor space and have all the intricate special devices for working metal which constitutes the base



THE ALLEN HOMESTEAD BUILT OF MARBLE.

manufactured school slates and afterward roofing slates. Some time in the 60's marbleizing was commenced and the process is now so perfected that they can produce an almost perfect imitation of the finest and most expensive foreign and domestic marbles. This company is among the largest and most extensive dealers and manufacturers in the slate district and are capitalized at \$100,000. Among the many articles of production are slate for switchboards, panel boards, box linings, switch bases, portable bases

is of their manufacture. Their movements are known to the trade as the old Boston improved and are the most accurate timekeepers made. Their clocks are strictly high grade, encased in crystal and gold and a specialty is made of a ship's bell clock which strikes the bell instead of the hour. The company employ a capital of \$100,000. They employ from eighty to one hundred hands. Its officers are W. H. Shields of Troy, N. Y., president and C. E. Kilbourne treasurer and manager.